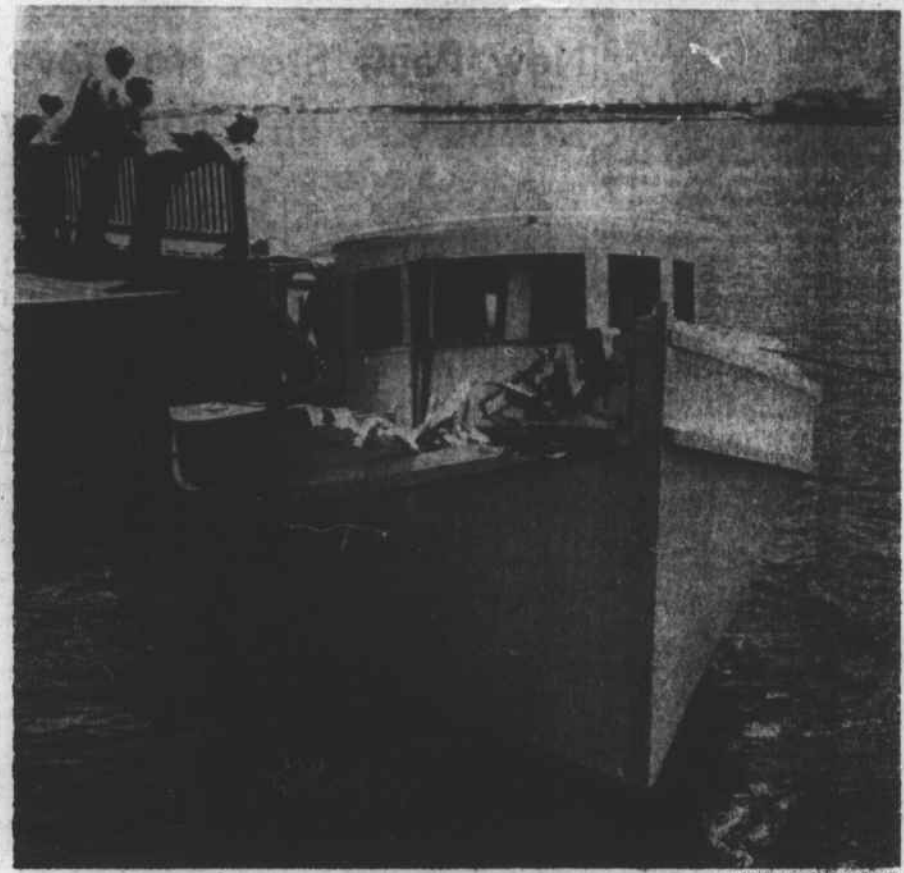


New Trawler Rams Drawbridge



This trawler was being towed through the Morehead City drawbridge Wednesday morning when the current and wind caught it and forced it into an unopened leaf of the bridge. Drivers of the cars that waited for over an hour walked along the bridge to check the damage to the boat when the Coast Guard towed it away.

The Morehead City drawbridge was closed to traffic from 10:30 a.m. until noon Wednesday. The reason for the hold-up is pictured here.

The boat in the picture is a new trawler just bought by Garland Fulcher of Oriental. The trawler was being towed through the draw when the current and wind caught

it and drove it into an unopened leaf of the bridge.

Bridgetender S. D. Weeks reported that the east leaf of the draw was under repair and he was able to raise only the west leaf. The tow boat, another trawler owned by Mr. Fulcher, made it through the draw without difficulty. Dallas L. Stowe of Oriental was the pilot.

When the new trawler rammed into the bridge, the tow line parted.

The wind and current held the trawler against the bridge until the Coast Guard pulled it free.

Coast Guardsmen BM/1 John Gaskill and EN/2 Ronald Quidley secured a line on the trawler and towed it to state port where the tow boat had tied up.

Chamber Bestows Distinguished Citizen Award on Town's Mayor



George W. Dill Jr., distinguished citizen

Mayor Gets Plaque, Key

George W. Dill Jr., mayor of Morehead City, was honored last night at the Morehead City chamber of commerce membership meeting as the town's Distinguished Citizen.

The award, a plaque and key, was given by the chamber of commerce for the first time this year. It is intended to be presented annually. Presentation of the plaque was made by Sen. Luther Hamilton, Morehead City.

The recipient was chosen by a committee of five chamber of commerce members whose names have not been revealed. The giving of such an award originated with Bud Dixon, president of the chamber.

Mr. Dill was first elected mayor of Morehead City in 1945 and has been re-elected six times since, a record in the annals of Morehead City political history.

He is president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, has actively promoted the port of Morehead City, participates in civic affairs and is a lay leader in the First Methodist Church.

The mayor is manager of the George W. Dill and Sons funeral home as was his father, George W. Dill who founded the business in 1900.

He represented the county in 1951 in the state legislature. Mayor Dill is a member of the Masons, Elks, past president of the Morehead City Rotary Club, member of the county board of health, and former chairman of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church.

Nine men were considered for the honor, according to Mr. Dixon. The mayor was chosen at the third meeting of the committee which considered nominations.

Stolen Car Hits Power Pole Here

A 1953 Mercury, stolen from Sam Alessi, Havelock, was demolished at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday. The car, headed toward Morehead City, ran off US 70 at the Amoco station west of the Blue Ribbon Club.

The car followed the general direction of the highway, tearing down mailboxes, signs and anything else in the way. It finally stopped when it ran head-on into a power pole in front of the Blue Ribbon Club.

Highway patrolman J. W. Sykes said the car "folded up" when it hit the pole. The driver of the car must have been injured, according to the patrolman, who said blood was splattered all over the dash.

Civilian and military hospitals and doctors in this area have been alerted to be on the look-out for a man suffering from severe cuts about the face.

Beaufort Chief Locks Up Four Charged with Fighting

Released from the county jail under bond are four men charged with disturbing the peace and fighting Saturday night in the house and on the street at 115 Moore St., Beaufort.

Ivan Lawrence, Otway, was injured in the fight and was treated at the Morehead City Hospital. Ivan is charged with fighting in the home which is occupied by Mrs. Gertrude Gillikin and her two small daughters. Also charged with fighting in the house is Keith Lawrence, Otway, and M. T. Gillikin. These three then ended up in the street, according to Guy Springle, chief of police.

Eldon Gillikin of Virginia, and M. T. Gillikin, who lives on Craven Street, Beaufort, are charged with disturbing the peace and using loud and boisterous language.

Warrants were sworn out by Chief Springle Tuesday afternoon. Chief Springle said that he does not know why the fight started. He said the men had been drinking. The chief, who lives across the street from the Gillikin house said he went to the house when he heard the brawl.

Neighbors reported that for the past year they have seen men going in and out of the house, which they say is occupied by women other than Mrs. Gillikin. On several occasions, complaints about the house were made to the police, but when the police checked, they said nothing "out of order" could be noted.

Ivan Lawrence, cut in the fight, was taken to the hospital by Chief Springle.

The welfare department is now investigating the case, relative to the welfare of the two small girls. Mrs. Gillikin's husband is reportedly stationed with the Coast Guard "somewhere in the north."

The house is rented to Mrs. Gillikin by the former Margie Paul, now of Washington, N. C., according to Chief Springle.

National Guard To Attend Camp

Several Morehead City businesses were given warm praise this week by First Lt. Merritt E. Bridgman, commanding officer of Battery C, 690th Field Artillery Battalion, for permitting National Guardsmen in their employ to attend the 15-day active duty field training period at Fort Bragg June 8-22.

"Field training is the climax of our entire year's work," said Lieutenant Bridgman, "and it is imperative that every member of battery C attend."

At Fort Bragg the Guardsmen work as a closely-knit combat unit putting into practice the knowledge acquired during 48 armory drills during the preceding year.

"Unless every member of our unit is present," said Lieutenant Bridgman, "we cannot operate efficiently and our training mission will suffer."

"Businesses which encourage guardsmen to attend summer camp are performing a patriotic service," the unit commander said.

"A strong reserve force saves our nation many millions of dollars in tax money," he continued, "and we are proud that our local businessmen are giving us their support."

The businesses which employ guardsmen who will attend camp are Morehead Garment Co., Sunshine Laundry, Willis Brother's Lumber Co., Morehead City Shipbuilding Corp., Sanitary Fish Market and Restaurant, Lloyd A. Fry Roofing Co., Inc., Blanchard's Electric Service and Carteret Concrete Co.

E. O. Moore Reports On Tax Collections

Tax collections thus far this year are a bit ahead of last year, E. O. Moore, county tax collector, told the county board Monday morning.

The total collected for April was \$25,800.78. Of that, \$23,808.05 was on the 1957 levy and \$1,992.73 on 1956 and prior levies. Percentage of the 1957 levy collected thus far is 89.15.

E. L. Brinson, collector of delinquent personal property taxes, collected \$381.18 last month.

No property advertised for tax sale Monday was bid in. Names of delinquent taxpayers must be advertised, as required by law, before further legal action can be taken to get a judgment against the property.

Democrats Schedule Meeting For Tomorrow Morning

Chamber Lists Pony Pennings

The Beaufort Chamber of Commerce this week reported on the pony pennings scheduled for this summer.

Pennings will be held the first Saturday of June, July and August at Cape Lookout. On Mondays following those Saturdays ponies are rounded up in Diamond pen at Shackelford Banks.

Boats for pennings at both places leave from Harkers Island and Marshallberg.

The only penning scheduled thus far for the Fourth of July is north of Drum Inlet at Ira Morris's camp. Boats for that penning will leave from Atlantic and Cedar Island Beach.

The "original" horse pen at "the head of the hole" is on the banks across from Stacy and there penning will be held on the second Saturday of June, July and August.

Boats for that penning leave from Davis, Stacy and Atlantic. The pennings attract tourists, some of whom buy young horses and take them home with them as pets for children.

B. E. Tarkington To Remain Here

B. E. Tarkington, principal of Beaufort School, has decided to remain as principal another year.

The board of trustees was informed officially of his decision Monday night at a meeting at the school.

Mr. Tarkington had told the board last month that he wanted them to accept his resignation. Upon learning of this, teachers and others connected with the school signed a petition requesting Mr. Tarkington to remain.

At Monday's board meeting the opening for football coach was discussed, but no action taken. The board has received a good number of applicants for the position, the principal said.

Hearing Postponed - The telephone rate hearing, scheduled for Tuesday before the State Utilities Commission, has been postponed until June 17. The postponement was granted at the request of the East Carolina Phone Fight Committee's attorney, Samuel Behrends Jr.

County Democrats will meet in convention at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the courthouse, Beaufort. All precinct committee members and other Democrats in the county are expected to be there, Irvin Davis, chairman of the Democratic committee, announces.

Precinct committees elected at precinct meetings Saturday are the following:

Davis — T. B. Smith, B. S. Pond, Virgil Styron, Miss Pearl Davis and C. H. Davis.

Bettie — Guy C. Gillikin, Gardner Gillikin, Ivey Arthur, Minnie Gillikin, Roland Salter.

Wildwood — C. A. McCabe, Josephine S. McCabe, Earl Murdoch, Curtis McCabe, Sam Garner.

Salter Path — George W. Smith, Ty Frost, Joe Zajac, Edwin Guthrie, Flora Bell Pittman.

Portsmouth — Thomas Bragg, Marion Gabb, Will Willis, Ernest Salter.

Pelletier — S. B. Meadows, Mrs. Edith Jones, L. P. Jones, E. L. Waters, Colon Brown.

Cedar Point — Dr. L. J. Dupree, Ralph Paul, Charles Dudley, J. S. Jones, Mrs. Ralph Gordon.

Stella — Gerald Pelletier, Mrs. Bertie Pelletier, L. W. Pelletier, J. D. Young, J. C. Barker.

Broad Creek — J. C. Guthrie, Coley Guthrie, W. C. Adams, Bertha Siebenschuh, Romaine Rose.

Beaufort — C. G. Holland, W. A. Smith, Mrs. Rosa Lee Salter, Otis Mades, Leslie Springle.

Sea Level — Frank Taylor, Mrs. Earl Hamilton, Harvey Taylor, Roland Willis, Ralph Taylor.

Harlowe — John W. Ives Jr., Mrs. James V. Tolson, W. C. McLawhorn, Paul A. Jarman Jr., W. R. Conner.

Otway — A. B. Lewis, Elnora Lawrence, Tyler Lewis, Alfred Gillikin, Leo Lawrence.

Merrimon — Mrs. Lottie Cahoon, B. G. Hardy, L. H. Hardy Jr., William Pittman, J. A. Hardy.

Wire Grass — G. L. Dudley, Evelyn Jordan, David Dickinson, Mrs. Will Norris, Harry Edwards.

Harkers Island — Charlie Russell, Charlie Lewis, Henry Davis, Irvin Guthrie, Danny Yeomans.

Cedar Island — J. B. Goodwin, Monroe Gaskill, Swindell Goodwin, Mrs. Dora Day, Floyd M. Daniels.

Smyrna — George Hancock, Floyd Chadwick, Earl Davis, Harry Chadwick, Bertie Simpson.

Newport — D. Ira Garner, Edith Locke, Edwin Garner, Nick Allen, Marshallberg — E. O. Moore, C. R. Willis, Troy Moore, James B. Gillikin, Velna Lewis.

Morehead No. 1 — A. H. James, A. B. Cooper, D. G. Bell, Mrs. Sam Adler, Albert Lea.

Morehead No. 2 — Harvey Hamilton Jr., Lesta Willis, Bobby Bell, Bruce Goodwin, Mrs. Paul D. King.

Five of the 27 precincts, Bogue, Straits, Williston, Stacy, and Atlantic, had not reported results of their precinct meetings by midnight.

Few Remain to Decorate Graves of Boys in Grey

By F. C. SALISBURY

For fifty years, a group of loyal women of Morehead City, daughters and granddaughters of men who wore the grey in that civil strife of 1861-65, paid honor to their ancestors, both living and dead, on May 19 each year; a date set aside to memorialize those veterans who had answered the last roll call.

And until the last veteran had joined his comrade in the bivouac of the dead, these women looked to the comfort and needs of such soldiers.

The Emeline J. Pigott Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, Morehead City, was organized in 1906. Some fifty members formed the chapter, which in later years reached a membership of over one hundred. The late Mrs. Charles S. Wallace was the first president, serving for several years, with Miss Eva Hardesty (Mrs. Charles Tolson) as recording secretary.

During the active years of the chapter, programs of patriotic interest were held on each Memorial Day. Citizens of the town and county joined with the members, gathering at Bay View Cemetery where tribute was paid, both to the living and dead, in word and acts of decoration.

As the ranks of the men in grey thinned with passing years, so did the membership of the chapter. A faithful few who up until two years ago endeavored to carry on the day's observance, have finally been obliged to disband the chapter.

Not only in Morehead City, but in other towns of the South where May 10 is observed as Memorial Day, there will be many graves of those wearers of the grey that will not receive a wreath of green in remembrance of sacrifice and service.

Suspends License - The state highway safety division has suspended the driver's license of Lenster T. Morton, Morehead City RFD.

Beaufort Seniors to Present Play



Mr. Gerante (Ernest Carraway) walked into the middle of a quarrel between two of his servants (Jodie Moore and Raymond Gillikin) and wound up on the floor in a scene from The Doctor in Spite of Himself, a comedy that will be presented by the Beaufort seniors at 8 tonight. "It takes more than big feet and a walking stick to keep upright in this play," says Ernest.

Governor Asked to Proclaim May 22 as State Ports Day

D. Leon Williams, director of the state ports, announced Monday on a visit to Morehead City that Gov. Luther Hodges has been requested to proclaim Thursday, May 22, as North Carolina Ports Day. The day has been so designated to focus attention on the state's deep water ports at Morehead City and Wilmington, which generated over \$5 million to the state's economy last year.

May 22 is observed nationwide as Maritime Day. It was first proclaimed in 1935 in commemoration of the departure of the SS Savannah from Savannah, Ga., on May 22, 1819. The Savannah made the first successful trans-Atlantic voyage under steam propulsion.

Mr. Williams, who has recently come to North Carolina from the ports director's post in Georgia said that Savannah "made a big thing" of National Maritime Day.

He was pleased to learn that North Carolina ports, for the first time this year, have taken an interest in such observance.

North Carolina's observance of a ports day was suggested editorially by THE NEWS-TIMES in January 1957 and again early this year. The suggestion has been ably promoted and backed by the Morehead City chamber of commerce, J. A. DuBois, manager.

At the chamber board meeting Monday noon at the Sanitary Restaurant, the board discussed plans for observing open house from 1 to 5 p.m. May 22 at the Morehead City port.

The Coast Guard will also be contacted to learn whether the Chilula, which berths regularly at the port, could be opened to visitors.

Further plans on observance of the day will be announced.

Harkers Island PTA Will Sponsor Spring Festival

The PTA of the Harkers Island School will sponsor a Spring Festival at the school on Saturday night at 7 p.m.

This will consist of a talent show made up of school and local adult talent, selection of school princess and Island Popularity Queen, a bazaar, bingo and other festivities. Refreshments will also be sold. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

Tide Table

Table with columns for High and Low tides at the Beaufort Bar. Rows list dates from Friday, May 9 to Tuesday, May 13, with corresponding times for high and low water.